

# News Release



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## **BUY SELL HOLD TAKES KENTUCKY JUVENILE; PLEUVEN (FR) PREVAILS IN OPENING VERSE**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, May 4, 2017)** – Kirk and Judy Robison's **Buy Sell Hold** held off a late bid from **Amberspatriot** by a neck to win the 24<sup>th</sup> running of the \$100,000 Kentucky Juvenile for 2-year-olds.

Trained by **Steve Asmussen** and ridden by **Florent Geroux**, Buy Sell Hold covered the five furlongs on a "good" main track in :58.33.

Favored **McErin** broke on top but was joined on the far turn by Buy Sell Hold. The two raced as a team until deep stretch when Buy Sell Hold inched clear with Amberspatriot rallying for second to finish a nose in front of McErin.

The victory was worth \$60,140 and increased Buy Sell Hold's earnings to \$96,140 with two victories in two starts. Buy Sell Hold is a Kentucky-bred daughter of Violence out of the Unbridled's Song mare Melody Lady.

Buy Sell Hold returned \$5, \$3.40 and \$2.60. Amberspatriot, ridden by **Paco Lopez**, returned \$7.80 and \$4.20 with McErin, ridden by **Julio Garcia**, returning \$2.60 to show.

**Waki Patriot** finished another two lengths back in fourth and was followed in order by **Trickizar**, **Chateau**, **Just Be Frank** and **Go Chiva Go**. **Baytown Lex** did not finish.

One race prior to the Kentucky Juvenile, **Nelson McMakin's Pleuven (FR)** won the 12<sup>th</sup> running of the \$56,400 Opening Verse overnight stakes by 2 ½ lengths.

Trained by **Phil Sims** and ridden by **Corey Lanerie**, Pleuven covered the mile on a "good" turf course in 1:36.15.

**Take the Stand** set the pace and remained in control until Pleuven roared past at midstretch and drew off.

The victory was worth \$32,993 and increased Pleuven's earnings to \$365,672 with a record of 18-7-3-4.

Pleuven returned \$6.80, \$3.40 and \$2.80. Take the Stand, ridden by **Jose Lezcano**, returned \$6.20 and \$4.20 with **Thatcher Street** rallying for third another three-quarters of a length back under **Brian Hernandez Jr.**, and paying \$4 to show.

It was another three-quarters of a length back to **Western Reserve**, who was followed in order by **Black Sea (FR)**, **One Mean Man** and **Monster Bea**.

## **KENTUCKY JUVENILE QUOTES**

**Florent Geroux (rider of Buy Sell Hold, winner)** – "She's very nice. She's well-bred and well-behaved. That's why she won today. She broke sharp and got herself into a good position despite the post. She showed a lot of heart and ability today."

**Steve Asmussen (trainer of Buy Sell Hold, winner)** – "She's a very special filly. The second dam is Lady Tak, one of my favorite horses of all time and a millionaire. This filly started out at my dad's place in Laredo, Texas, and he did a phenomenal job with her. She came over for only her second race and acted very professional and was ready to go."

**Paco Lopez (rider of Amberspatriot, runner-up)** – "It was a tough trip, but she ran good. I wanted to come from second or third like last time and win, but I wound up taking a hold in the stretch and then going a little wide. She didn't run much in the beginning and maybe it was my fault for taking her out late or her going wide, but I thought she was best."

**Julio Garcia (rider of McErin, third)** – "She missed the break; that didn't help. I had to use her and she got tired late. She's a fast filly but I think she will go better on turf."

## **OPENING VERSE QUOTES**

**Corey Lanerie (rider of Pleuven, winner)** – "After we broke I could see the two horses on the lead going fast. We just decided to stay inside of them and try to get my horse to relax. Once I got him outside, he just took off."

**Phil Sims (trainer of Pleuven, winner)** – "The Wise Dan (June 17) will be the next logical start. He won it last year. He loves the soft going. He's a French-bred, so the weather was not a concern. He's just a hard-knocking little horse."

**Jose Lezcano (rider of Take the Stand, runner-up)** – “He ran a good race and I got a very good trip. I got a little pressure from (Western Reserve), but he kicked on and then we got caught. The winner is a nice horse.”

**Bill Mott (trainer of Take the Stand, runner-up)** – “I thought he ran well. It was softer ground, but the main thing is that it was a big improvement over his last race. He went to fast (last time) and he got pressed today as well, but it was an OK race.”

**Brian Hernandez Jr. (rider of Thatcher Street, third)** – “I had a great trip and my horse ran his race. The two that finished in front of us ran their races too.”

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